

He was born July 10, 1815, at Middletown, in modern times Cromwell, Connecticut. When a young man became acquainted with Prof. Torrey in New York and Dr. Gray, through membership in the New York Lyceum of Natural History. In 1846 he was elected to membership in the Philadelphia Academy. Always declining election to any high honors in the institution, he was glad to fill positions of usefulness. He served long as one of the Council of Management, and at his death had filled for many years the responsible position of chairman of its publication committee. Eminent botanists from many parts of the world made their calls on him when passing through Philadelphia.

"The Flora of Mount Desert Island, Maine," was his latest work, prepared in conjunction with his friend Edward L. Rand, and issued last year. The modesty of his nature may be inferred from the subtitle, "A Preliminary Catalogue," as no more complete local flora has probably been issued. He derived much satisfaction in his last days from the numerous letters commending the stand taken in that work against violent changes in plant nomenclature, his main point being the impossibility of practically carrying out without endless confusion that which might be correct as an abstract proposition. The Academy will soon publish a memoir giving an abstract of his life and services to science. In the language of one of his colleagues, "an association of the past eight years made me familiar with his beautiful character. He was always high principled, single-hearted, charitable, kind and helpful,—an affectionate friend, a wise counsellor, an upright judge." —THOMAS MEEHAN, *Germantown, Philadelphia*.

George Hunt.—In the death of Mr. George Hunt botanical science in Rhode Island has met with an irreparable loss. For over sixty years he has been familiar with every bog and wood in the state. When over eighty he could outwalk all his younger companions. He never seemed to know fatigue. Even for the nooning he never sat down, but ate, and that sparingly, while searching the rocks or glens.

He was a true wood-lover. The plants seemed to guess his feeling and to do their very best for his delight. For many years he was the chosen guide of some of us younger men, who all loved him with tender regard. His character was as sweet and pure as the aroma of the mayflower. It was a precious privilege to accompany him on a walk. Each year we went with him to welcome the hepatica. Sweet, unobtrusive, gentle, he could be roused to earnest remonstrance, or to contest a wrong. He was eminently a right minded man and a true gentleman.



He was one of the earliest members of the A. A. A. S., and always glad to attend its meetings. He was a life-long member, too, of the Rhode Island Horticultural Society, and the Providence Franklin Society, and a member of that group of Rhode Island botanists that included at one time George Thurber, J. W. Bailey, S. T. Olney and A. L. Colder. He was personally known to doctors Torrey and Gray, and had sent specimens to Harvey. As was often the case in those early days, he had embraced several sciences and divided his life between entomology and botany. In his garden he grew the most precious wild flowers and made every one welcome to their enjoyment. He passed away on Feb. 21st at the ripe age of eighty-four.—W. WHITMAN BAILEY, *Providence, R. I.*

The Systematic Botany of North America.—The Board of Editors of the "Systematic Botany of North America" announce the following arrangements for the presentation of groups thus far decided on. Other assignments will be reported as made, and also such changes as may arise in the present arrangement. It is requested that collectors communicate material for study to the monographers, even of the commoner and well-known species, so that the geographical distribution may be presented as accurately as possible.—N. L. BRITTON, *Chairman, Columbia College, New York.*

Myxomycetes: Mr. O. F. Cook, Huntington, N. Y. (at present abroad).

Schizomycetes: Prof. H. L. Russell, University of Wisconsin.

Chlorophyceæ: In charge of Prof. Geo. L. Atkinson, Cornell University.

Phycomycetes: Prof. Byron D. Halsted, Rutgers College, New Brunswick, N. J.

Saccharomycetes: Dr. J. Christian Bay, State Board of Health, Des Moines, Iowa.

Taphrineæ: Prof. Atkinson.

Helvellineæ: Prof. Lucien M. Underwood, Greencastle, Ind.

Pezizineæ, Phacidineæ: Mr. Elias J. Durand, Cornell University.

Fungi Imperfecti: Prof. Halsted, and Mr. J. B. Ellis, Newfield, N. J.

Ustilagineæ: Prof. Halsted.

Uredineæ: Prof. J. C. Arthur, Purdue University, La Fayette, Ind.

Polyporineæ: Prof. Underwood.

Boletineæ, Agaricineæ: Prof. Chas. H. Peck, State Museum, Albany, N. Y.

Gasteromycetes: Mr. A. P. Morgan, Preston, Ohio.

Hepaticæ: Prof. Underwood.